seigniorage at a rate to be fixed per each tree to be felled and that facilities may be afforded to them to remove wood from areas usually worked by them.

Reply of Government.—Recorded. The existing rules are of long standing and convenient.

SUBJECT No. 163.

Free grazing of cattle, etc., in State Forests.

Messrs. Syed Hussain Saheb, Mohamad Imam Sab and Sankappa, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The area of the District Forests allowed for the use of the ryots for firewood and timber for agricultural implements having been reduced by including portions of them in the State Forests, the ryots are not only inconvenienced but their cattle also have not sufficient grazing lands. It is therefore requested that ryots may be allowed to remove firewood and timber, free of cost, from all State Forests for their agricultural implements and that free grazing may also be allowed to their cattle in such forests.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 164.

Facilities to the ryots for making agricultural implements.

Mr. Bhishto Virupaksha Nadigar, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Some villages have not been allotted any district forests, while for others the areas allotted as district forests do not contain any trees. In such cases the ryots had the privilege of fetching the wood required for their agricultural implements, etc., from the nearest forests. As the reservation of these forests acts prejudicially to their interests, it is prayed that the ryots of these villages may, as heretofore, be allowed the privilege of fetching wood required for their agricultural implements and firewood for their domestic use. This hardship is greatly felt near the Bettadakunte and the Talegadde State Forests.

Reply of Government.—A report will be called for from the Deputy Commissioner to see if any relief is necessary.

SUBJECT No. 165.

Free grant of large bamboos.

Messrs. Srinivasa Dikshit, Shikarpur taluk; and Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur Municipality

Summary of discussion.—(1) The free grant of large bamboos promised during the last year's meeting has not yet been given effect to. It is prayed that early orders may be passed in the matter.

(2) Large bamboos which have seeded may be granted to the ryots free of charge or at a seignior ag of 4 annas per cart-load.

Reply of Government.—Order will be issued extending the concession to the Shimoga and Shikarpur taluks.

SUBJECT No. 166.

Grant of thorns to ryots for agricultural purposes.

Messrs. Srinivasa Dikshit, Shikarpur taluk; and Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur Municipality

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Bamboo thorns may be granted either free of charge or at 4 annas per cart-load instead of at the present rate of 8 annas, to the ryots, as they are required for hedging sugar-cane fields. The charge now is 4 rupees per hundred and it is very heavy.

(*b*) Thorns are required every year by agriculturists for fencing purposes. *Thare*, *Byala* and other thorny